



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 18th November 2019 @ BALMEDIE LEISURE CENTRE.

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** Alex McIntyre **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** Graham Middleton

Members Present: D Wallace, M Brown, H Foxen, J Fletcher, D McKendrick
A McIntyre, G Middleton, E Phipps

Apologies: C Wood

Formartine Area Councillors Present: None

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Visitors: Rosie Nicol, Rosemary Nixon (BCT), Harry Rennie (local resident), Allan Rae (Kirkwood Homes)

1. Introduction of Attendees & Apologies

- The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, asked that all mobile phones be put on 'silent' and that all matters be addressed through the chair.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman thanked Allan Rae for coming along to present the Blackdog Housing Development

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

No conflicts of interest reported

4. Presentation of Blackdog Housing Development by Allan Rae (Kirkwood Homes)

Allan Rae the Land Director for Kirkwood Homes, outlined his plans for the Blackdog site which has been ongoing for 7 years, he has planning consent for 550 houses, 220 of which have had a detailed layout approved in July 2019. He provided the plans and layout of the proposed development.

After the presentation the BCC discussed the above and will inform the Planning Dept that BCC do not have any concerns with the plans and would be supportive of the development in its revised form. BCC will also report to Elaine Brown (Area Manager AC) on the fact that in the initial plans there was a provision of a primary school and this has been removed at the request of the Aberdeenshire Council.

5. Police Matters

No Police presence, no up to date report available

6. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting had no comments and were proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by Hillary Foxen

7. Matters arising from previous meeting

- Advertisement on the outside wall of the toilets at the beach used by a private company, A photograph has been sent to Cllr A Hussan, he will check if planning permission was granted for advertisement, if not they will have to be removed from the site.

- Shop on the Old Road looks to be in dangerous state, and now looks to be a safety issue, G Middleton to try and find out who owns the site

8. Treasurer's Report

November Transactions

£250 to Potterton Village Tidy Part 1

£250 to Belhelvie Village Tidy Part 1

£500 to Bamedie Village Tidy Part 1

Awaiting to see who in Blackdog accepts the £250 cheque for BRA

9. Planning Report (G Middleton)

3 new items, non material

Demolition and steading erection at the Mains of White Cairns

Extension at 36 Whitehorse Terrace

Alteration and extension at Miller Blairton

10. Landfill Tax Projects and GreenField Projects: (E. Phipps)

Balmedie Leisure Centre

- £12k shortfall overall for phase 1, currently trying to source (developer obligations fully spent)
- Car park extension commenced
- Erection of security fencing around LC scheduled for 25th November (subject to delivery of all parts)
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Sensory Garden Phase 3

- BCT to apply for landfill funding early 2020
- Disabled toilet refurb - BCT to apply for landfill funding to cover the building work (circa £30k)

11. BCT Projects

- Inclusive play equipment within playpark – Postcode Lottery have awarded BCT £10k towards this
- Sand Bothy refurb & maintenance – Graeme Isaacs has provided a quote, BCC have applied to Asda foundation for funding

Town and Village Enhancement Grant Scheme

- Awaiting outcome of application to Area Committee for new lawn mower

12. External Meeting Report Back

Community Council Forum (H. Foxen M Brown main points raised)

- Other councils are having similar problems with speeding on the roads through the villages. There was also a problem with road closures, there is not enough information being shared with other councils as to when and where the roads were closed. A Couple of councils also commented on the fact that they do not get any police reports nor police attendance at their meetings.
- There was a suggestion that Community Councils would benefit from ad hoc workshops and they are going to email the various Community Councils on this.
- There is a leaflet that introduces Community Council's to the public to heighten within the community. If we think this would be of benefit to us, we can request from ACC
- There is a coastal community benefit fund which will be available on an annual basis, no more information is available at present, details will follow ASAP.

Formartine Rural Partnership report not available as yet (C Wood)

Investing In Communities Fund (E Phipps)

- Scottish Gov't application unsuccessful – to appeal decision
- To confirm whether match funding from Area Committee is still available
- Dan & Carolyne Wood to revise project plan. They have prepared an excellent way of consulting with the public once ready to go.

Potterton Group Meeting (H.Foxen M Brown)

The woman who ran the Public Gardens resigned her post and H Foxen has taken up the challenge.

H Foxen in conjunction with E Phipps will draft an application to the Formartine Partnership Town and Village Enhancement Scheme to allow her to continue with improvements.

M.Brown requires the same for White Cairns.

1000 bulbs were received for Potterton and after a facebook message was sent out, 50 volunteers helped plant the first 500 bulbs.

BRA Meeting, no invitation to this meeting

13. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BRA if meeting G Middleton
- BCT M Brown/ J Fletcher (Balmedie Library)

14. New External and Internal Correspondence

- Formartine Rural Partnership are looking for a representative from each of the 12 Community Councils, waiting for further dates. H Foxen said she could probably represent BCC if it is a day meeting.
- C Mathews (AC) asking for our scheduled BCC meeting dates and when the AGM will be, as always 3rd Monday of each month and AGM in June 2020
- Email from Maureen Pirie on 6th December, she attached a video of burning tyres, called the Fire Brigade and informed SEPA. The BCC discussed this and feel this is a Police matter, E Phipps to reply.
- Mail from R Moffat about the drains being blocked at Belhelvie and he is worried when it ices over, E Phipps to reply.

15. Any Other Business

- Speeding again an issue in the villages, D McKendrick has been trying to lobby AC for repair of the Balmedie speeding sign (battery replacement) and to source a replacement for the vandalised speed sign. There seems to be nothing forth coming from AC, the members felt it may well be a matter to raise with the Press.
- Xmas Lights Group have now disbanded and the mantle has been taken over by a lady from the Congregational Church, the lady has done an excellent job in installing the lights herself, perhaps next year she could count on support of BCC, BCT and volunteers from the village to help her. BCC to get in touch with A Cowie to propose something for next year. On December 1st the Village lights and Xmas Tree will be switched on and there will be carols sung.
- Apologies given by J Fletcher who cannot attend the next two meetings and H Foxen cannot attend the next meeting.

Meeting closed 21:32

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 20th January 2020

At 7:00pm Balmedie Leisure Centre - Visitors Welcome

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